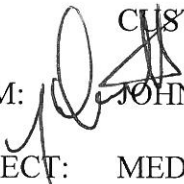


MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

December 11, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL
FROM:  JOHN A. LIVERATTI, CHIEF OF COMPLIANCE
SUBJECT: MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL CHANGES

BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATIONS

Home Health Agencies (HHA) are currently required to maintain a signed copy of the Recipient's Bill of Rights in the HHA chart. The Code of Federal Regulations (42CFR484.10 (a)(2)) states the HHA must maintain documentation that the client has received written notice of their rights.

The second chapter revision removes the Home Health Agency requirement to obtain prior authorization for mileage reimbursement. The prior authorization required for the home health visit implies approval to travel to the recipient's home. A second prior authorization for mileage is unnecessary.

Third revision addresses Home Health Agency's initial prior authorization. Currently, a maximum of two weeks may be approved. The majority of HHA recipients are requiring 45 to 60 days of service thus requiring a second authorization. The change in policy would mirror the Medicare 60 day authorization process.

MATERIAL TRANSMITTED

MTL 23/07
CHAPTER 1400 – HOME HEALTH
AGENCY

Sec. 1403.1B.8

Replaced language with "...and dated statement acknowledging receipt of the patient's...."

Sec. 1403.1C 2:

Added: "...a statement acknowledging receipt of"

MATERIAL SUPERSEDED

MTL 35/03
CHAPTER 1400 – HOME HEALTH
AGENCY

Deleted, "... copy of the recipient's"

N/A

Sec. 1403.1D.1.d:

Added to sentence 2 "...to establish a base line for reimbursement."

Added generic billing language, "Refer to the reimbursement code table for specific billing code."

Deleted: "All mileage must be prior authorized."

Deleted: "The reimbursement code is 0542-A0160."

Sec 1403.1D.2a:

Added: "...up to a 60 day interval..."

Deleted: "...criterion..."

Deleted: "...covers a two (2) week interval."

Deleted: "...a two week period".....

Sec. 1403.1D.2.b:

Added: "...an additional 60 day interval..."

Deleted word "...criterion..."

Deleted "...the period..."

Added "...up to 120 days."

Deleted "...Sixty..."

Sec. 1403.1D.2.c:

Added: "...120..."

Deleted: "...criterion..."

Added: "...additional..."

Deleted: "...sixty (60)..."

Sec. 1403.1D.6.b:

Added "...up to a 60 day..."

Deleted "...no more than a two week"

Sec. 1403.2.A.4.c:

Added "...may be up to a 60 day interval..."

Deleted "...will be for up to a two-week"